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For: LYSING REAGENT, CARTRIDGE AND AUTOMATIC ELECTRONIC CELL  
COUNTER FOR SIMULTANEOUS ENUMERATION OF DIFFERENT TYPES  
OF WHITE BLOOD CELLS

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**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins  
on page 4 of this paper.

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